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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MCMILLAN ET AL.

Examiner

Guiyoung Lee

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Prelim./Amdt.***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 and the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 filed 03/15/2004.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamada et al. (USPT 6,331,063 B1) in view of Cathy, Jr. (USPT 5,024,722).
4. Re claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10-14, 16, and 18-20: Kamada discloses an illuminating and reflecting apparatus and a method for constructing the illuminating and reflecting apparatus having a layer of aluminum (10 in Fig. 1 and col. 3, line 54) positioned between two layers of copper (12 in Fig. 1), and a localized light source (14 in Fig. 1). Further, Kamada discloses at least one exposed area (11) provided by an etching process. Kamada discloses an etching process (col. 17, line 50). Kamada does not disclose an etching process using masking material. However, Cathy teaches an etching process using masking material (See Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employing Cathy' etching process using masking material in order to remove a layered metal substrate more effectively.

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4. Re claims 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 15, and 17: Kamada teaches a non-planar reflective surface and a layer of coating on the non-planar reflective surface (11 a in Fig. 1 and col. 4, lines 32-35).

***Response to Arguments***

5. In light of the amendment to the claims and Applicant's clarification and arguments, the Examiner's claims rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 are withdrawn.

6. Applicant's arguments, filed 3/15/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Kamada et al. (USPT 6,331,063 B1) and Cathy, Jr. (USPT 5,024,722).

***Conclusion***

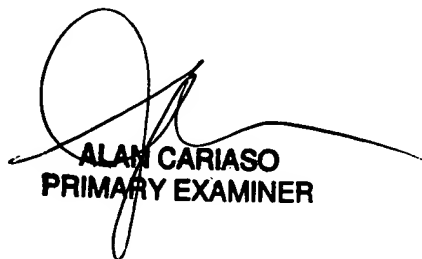
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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